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Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—" May I know whether any case has been brought to the notice of the Government where a miscarriage of justice has occurred by reason of the absence of an instructing officer ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Why was that order made then ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The order was made at the instance of the Public Prosecutor."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know whether it was because the Public Prosecutor found it not possible or he felt incompetent to carry on the prosecutions in the High Court without such an order ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It will be noticed by my hon. Friend that the orders in question were passed during the time of Mr. Adam who had considerable experience and had served for more than ten years as Public Prosecutor."

Forests

Removal of forest boundaries to a distance of one mile from surrounding villages.

• 477 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps have been taken from 1923 to the end of June 1928 in the three forest districts of South, East and West Kurnool to move the boundaries of reserved forests away from villages whose agricultural lands or village-sites were situated within a mile or half a mile of such boundaries; and

(*b*) how much of reserved forests were disafforested for this purpose ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) In cases where proximity of reserved forests to villages and cultivated lands cause real hardship to the ryots, the Government have set back the reserve boundaries by disafforesting such areas. The total area disafforested for this purpose during the period referred to is 4,619 acres.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member how many villages have been given relief by disafforestation of the kind mentioned here ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I can give the information ; I have it in my file ; if my hon. Friend will come to my room I can give him the information."

Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD :—" May I know whether there is not real hardship in the case of the ryots of South Kanara on account of the proximity of the forests to cultivated lands ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think the hon. Member will have to give notice of a separate question because this relates only to Kurnool."